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ATTACKS PRESIDENT

Senator Tillman Bitterly Arraigns Mr. Roosevelt.

HE CHARGES INSINCERITY

Accuses Him of Making Truce With Rich Malefactors and Pandering to Union Labor and Says He Proclaims His Own Purity.

Washington, March 17.—With a caution unusual for him Senator Tillman read a part of his speech in the senate, in which he denounced executive encroachment on legislative power. With this apparent caution he proceeded to deliver one of the most direct and denunciatory addresses ever heard in that body. His speech was based on his resolution instructing the committee on finance to inquire whether national banks of New York are in the habit of furnishing permanent capital for speculative enterprises, etc. The resolution was adopted.

Citing what he asserted to be "cold-blooded facts" in showing executive responsibility for many evils, Senator Tillman said:

"In the same category of 'keeping the work of commerce to the ear and breaking them to the hope,' if the newspapers are to be believed, he is now planning a truce with these same rich malefactors and is ready to grant amnesty to all past trust offenders."

"In the most pronounced language he has denounced the combination between labor organizations and the boycott, but on the eve of an election pandering to this same vote by demanding changes in the law as interpreted by the supreme court."

"Once relieved the malefactors of great wealth will smile in triumph over their victory, while labor will find itself no freer than before."

"It is a battle between predatory wealth on both sides, with the power and prestige of the president thrown into the balance in behalf of his favorites."

"Violation of civil service rules, pernicious activity of government officials, bold and unblinking efforts to dictate his successor the White House or compel his own re-nomination for a third term, are conspicuous factors of the situation."

"The people, poor simple souls, reading the special pleas and sophistical excuses of editors are led to believe the president alone is honest and patriotic," said Mr. Tillman. "They believe religiously that the senate is corrupt and the house debauched and that the policies, 'my policies,' which are so exploited in the press must prevail and become law before relief can be obtained."

"Mr. Roosevelt is always loud-mouthed and vehement in the proclamation of his own purity of purpose and patriotism. He has absolute faith in his own infallibility and is apparently so drunk with power that he unconsciously lapses into the imperial 'we' and sends cablegrams about 'me and my people.' But these things are of small moment—vagaries of a noble and impetuous spirit—and we could pass them by were it not for the existence of cold-blooded facts to show executive responsibility for many of the evils which exist without dispute."

Mr. Tillman reviewed the events of the recent currency crisis and charged Wall street with many misdeeds. "The profits of this nefarious stock mongering have," he said, "found their way into the pockets of the very men who with the evils of their fraud manifest pose as 'saviors' and 'uncrowned kings,' and are lauded to the skies when they were really trying to save themselves from the disasters which threatened to overwhelm them along with their deluded victims. One of these 'saviors' had done more than any other of the money kings to deluge the stock market with watered stock."

Dropped Dead in Court.

New York, March 17.—John Maguire, election commissioner of Brooklyn, and a well-known lawyer of that borough, not death suddenly in the county court while making a plea for a client on trial for larceny before Judge Fawcett. He was earnestly expressing to the jury his belief in the defendant's innocence, when he suddenly paused, sank into a chair, gave a gasp and was dead almost before the startled spectators in the courtroom realized it. Death was due to apoplexy.

Attempt to Steal \$240,000; Foiled.

New York, March 17.—An attempt to steal \$240,000 from C. B. Richards & Co., bankers, of 31 and 33 Broadway, this city, was revealed at police headquarters, following the receipt of news of the arrest of one of the alleged forgers in Paris. The man under arrest is Gustavo Bossio, formerly a stenographer employed by the bankers. The police say he has confessed and that he has implicated two confederates. The alleged thieves had realized \$35,025 of the big stake they were after before their forgeries were discovered.

Public Printer Resigns.

Washington, March 17.—Public Printer Charles S. Stillings tendered his resignation to the president, and it has been accepted.

The Free Lance is prepared to do all kinds of job printing in first-class style at moderate prices.

ACTOR NOT GUILTY

Judge Orders Jury to Acquit Hitchcock.

GIRL'S CHARGES ARE FALSE

Trial Ends Abruptly As Flora Whistler Admits Her Story Was Perjured. She Blames the Agent of the Gerry Society.

New York, March 17.—A sensation occurred in the trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, when Judge Blanchard ordered the acquittal of the defendant on the indictment against him growing out of the charges of Ellen Von Hagen, a young girl. The action of the justice was taken upon motion of Assistant District Attorney.



RAYMOND HITCHCOCK.

torney Garfield that the narrative she told before the grand jury was false.

Several other indictments in similar charges are still pending against Hitchcock.

Flora Whistler swore on the witness stand that an agent of the Gerry Society had frightened her into making the charges against Hitchcock. She threatened to take me away from my home—to separate me from my mother if I did not tell that story," said the girl in a sobbing voice, when asked why she had made the charges against Hitchcock before the grand jury.

Mr. Garvan read the jury the testimony as given by the girl before the grand jury. When he had finished he asked her if that were true.

"It was not," she said. "Mr. Hitchcock never harmed me. I told to the grand jury the story the Gerry agent told me to tell."

"Didn't you repeat some of that statement to me in my office?" asked Mr. Garvan. The girl's reply was inaudible.

The girl said the only person to whom she had told the truth concerning her relations with Hitchcock was her step-father. It was after the step-father had been called to the witness stand and testified that the girl had assured him that Mr. Garvan had ill-treated her that Mr. Garvan moved for the dismissal of the case.

Flora Whistler was arrested on a charge of perjury as she was leaving the court room.

It has not yet been determined what action will be taken on the remaining indictments against Hitchcock.

Later the girl was arraigned in the Tombs police court on the charge of perjury and held in \$5000 bail for examination. In default of bail she was locked up in the Tombs.

Baby's Body Choked Drain.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Plumbers sent to repair a choked drainpipe at 327 Green street found the body of an infant wedged in the pipe. They at once reported the matter to the police and the district special officers were set to work. As a result of their investigation, Annie Aydt, a young woman was taken into custody. The body of the infant was sent to the morgue, while the young prisoner was arraigned before Magistrate Ladner.

Expressman Gets a House For a Dollar

Newark, N. J., March 17.—The dollar Newark Salsky, an expressman, of this place, intended for charity, brought him a three-story house in Prince street, unencumbered. He took the dollar to the Congregation Anse Russia temple to be used for charity, and was told to go to the charity hall of the congregation that night and it would be just the same. As he left the hall he learned the coupon on the ticket had drawn the house in a raffle.

Two Dead of Hydrophobia.

Baltimore, March 17.—Jacob Sapich, aged nine, and Frank Rowles, aged ten, have died at the Pasteur Institute of the City hospital of hydrophobia. The two boys, with twelve other persons, were bitten by a collie on Feb. 11. Both boys were severely bitten, but the parents of neither would consent for several days to have the Pasteur treatment administered. Neither of the boys became violent or suffered the usual agony.

Man 28 Weds Bride 50 Years Younger.

Belvidere, N. J., March 17.—Ellen Woodruff, eight-eight, a retired business man of this place, surprised his friends by marrying Miss Josephine Sonnenberg, thirty-eight. The bridegroom is still spry despite his age, and had been very devoted to his bride since the death of his wife two years ago.

Get DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Ointment for skin diseases. Sold by M. M. Lewis and W. L. Bond.

DAMNED, BUT HAPPY

Eloping Preacher Thinks He Is Right.

TELLS HIS LIFE STORY

Rev. Cooke, Who Eloped With Floretta Whaley, Says Marriage Was His First Big Mistake—Realized Penalty of His Crime.

San Francisco, March 17.—Writing as a sinner to sinners, Jere Knode Cooke, unfrocked pastor of St. George's church, Hempstead, L. I., who is living here with Floretta Whaley, with whom he eloped, told the story of his life. Cooke said:

"I attempt no justification of my act. I walked to mine own damnation with my eyes open. The church has damned me, the world has damned me and I stand on the isolated peak of my love—happy. When I stooped to the mire of the pit I rose to the glory of the heights."

"The question is whether happiness lies in the beaten trail which the millions follow, or in the forbidden land on either side. Each must answer the question for himself. I have answered mine by my act. On my deathbed I shall discover who is right and who is wrong—the million or myself. There is no question in my mind as I write now and glance at Floretta Whaley sitting by me, softly singing the song of motherhood to our child at her breast."

"My parents died when I was very young, but I remember my mother making me promise to enter the ministry. I was adopted by a man named Cooke. When I was sixteen years old I was apprenticed to a painter and decorator, and there I learned the trade which I am following. The little I earned I saved, and eventually had enough to allow me to enter Yale. I had to work my way through college, and on graduating was appointed curate of a church in Baltimore."

"While there I met and married the woman the law calls my wife. There I made my first big mistake. When, three days after the wedding, she coldly informed me that she had married me simply as a stepping stone to social success, and that she saw in me one who was going to rise, I recognized the bitterness of my lot."

"From Baltimore I was appointed rector of St. George's church, in Hempstead. As rector of St. George's I met Floretta Whaley. She was a mere child then, and grew up under my eyes. I always regarded her as a child until one day I awoke to the fact that she was a woman, and that I loved her."

"At this time I was at the height of my success. The near future promised for me all the sacerdotal world had to offer. I threw aside everything and took the girl."

"I knew exactly what the payment would be. I knew the storm that would follow. I knew I became a criminal."

"In the east I would have been stoned and put in jail. In the west, people came to my aid to help me out. They understood that I had only one course to pursue, and that was to stick to the mother of my child. I expected a bounding; instead, I received nothing but kindness and offers."

"And now all I ask is to be allowed to live my life, not as Jere Knode Cooke, the unfrocked pastor of St. George's church, but as Balcom, painter and decorator, who draws a week's wages for a week's work."

In his story Cooke has not confined himself strictly to the truth. He refers to his graduation from Yale. As a matter of fact, he was never graduated from that institution. He was raised by a Lutheran family, and his way was paid through the Lutheran Theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. He entered the Lutheran ministry, but quickly deserted that church.

Railroads Piling Up Coal.

Chicago, March 17.—Coal in huge quantities is being stored by the railroads and by dealers in Chicago who have contracts for supplying big establishments. The incentive is the possibility of a strike among the bituminous miners during the next three months. For some time the railroads have been rushing hundreds of tons of coal to depositories. It is declared that the railroads are thoroughly aroused at the danger of a strike, and some of them are already in a position where the immediate calling of a strike would not embarrass them, while other roads soon will be in an equally good position.

\$100,000 Penalty For a Missing Man.

Trenton, N. J., March 17.—John Kuhns, an iron moulder, has fallen heir to \$100,000 left him by an uncle in Germany, but his family does not know where he is. He disappeared in 1882, and was heard of in Alabama. His wife says she doesn't care for the money, but hopes it will be the means of bringing him back.

Nine New Parties in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa. March 17.—Proclamations of the names of nine new political parties were filed at the Dauphin county court house, and they will hold for the election this fall. They are as follows: Taft, Hughes, Cannon, City, Home Rule, Liberal, Union, United Labor and Knox Citizens.

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ORANGE

Gardening—Personal and Other Notes.

Lahore, Va., March 16.
The song of birds, the hum of bees and the sturdy sows of toll welcome with delight the balmy weather. Gardens are alive with energized plows, hoes and rakes, planting the early vegetables.

Many believers in the patron saint rush to plant potatoes on St. Patrick's day, and they seldom, if ever, fail in a good crop.

Roads are drying so that people can go to see one another, and old acquaintances long forgot is enjoying renewed association.

There is considerable uneasiness about smallpox. Only one family of white people (Simmons) have it in the county. While the disease is well guarded here, we hear that such is not the case across the line in Spotsylvania. We are sure of this in the failure of officials of other counties in not quarantining this dread disease.

Doctors Crittenden and Jordone performed a delicate operation on Curtis Wright Wednesday. He is fast recovering.

Mr. C. R. Mason returned Saturday from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Nan Woollett, who left Tuesday for treatment by Dr. Johnston, in Richmond, is improving rapidly, and is expected home in a few weeks.

Mrs. O. T. Terrell is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Coons, in Culpeper. Rev. W. J. Ducker and Mr. S. Gresham are recovering from severe illness.

Mr. A. P. Brockman is out again, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. A. T. Brockman, of Monrovia, is on the sick list, but she is too full of energy and gardening to keep in the house long.

Mrs. Willie King is on a visit to relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. M. S. Johnson, of Monrovia, will go to Richmond this week to see the "Cane man."

Mr. F. L. Jackson, the thrifty, popular merchant-farmer of Lahore, is making attractive and valuable improvements in his up-to-date store.

Some of the full schools will run seven months. Hooray for our trustees.

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SPOTSYLVANIA

Funeral of Mrs. Palmer—Personal.

Masonopolis, Va., March 15.
Mrs. Geo. W. Palmer, of this place, who died Friday at noon of gastritis, after an illness of several weeks, was buried today in Fredericksburg. Mrs. Palmer was a devoted Catholic, and lived and died in that faith. She leaves a devoted husband, an aged mother and five children. Mrs. Mangle Farmer, of Washington, Misses Mammie and Lily Palmer, and Messrs. Geo. Jr., and Bob Palmer, mourn their loss. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Miss Mary Sanford is home after a visit of three weeks to her brother, Mr. F. W. Sanford, of Newport News.

The family of Mr. John Green, of Washington, has recently moved to the old Green homestead near here, where they expect to reside in the future.

Miss Rosa V. Taylor, who teaches in Mr. T. A. Fraser's family, spent several days this week in your town, the guest of friends.

Mr. L. R. Colbert was in Washington several days last week, looking after business interests.

Mrs. T. A. Fraser and children and Miss Mary Sanford spent Sunday at the Court House, guests of Mr. T. A. Harris, Mrs. F. A. Harris.

Mr. Elwood Gayle, Misses Williams and Bullock, of Sumner, and Miss Sanford, of "Loverly," were guests of Miss John Newman at the hospitable home of Mr. L. R. Colbert, on Saturday evening.

We regret to learn of the failing health of Mr. Tinsley Tryman, of Fort Detrick, Md.

409 MEASURES PASSED

General Assembly Left 500 Bills Unacted Upon in Committee.

All measures passed by the general assembly have been enrolled and are now awaiting the signature of the governor to become laws. Four hundred and nine bills were passed by the legislature. Under the law, the Governor is required to sign or veto all bills within five days after they are presented, otherwise they become law without his action.

More than 500 measures, some of them important, were left in the committee rooms of the two houses unacted upon. This is urged as a reason for the proposed extension of assembly sessions from sixty to ninety days.

TO HEAR BRYAN

Big Preparations For His Visit to Richmond, March 25th.

Hon. W. J. Bryan when he addresses General Assembly in Richmond, March 25th, will also speak to several thousand others. The City Auditorium, seating capacity 7,000, has been engaged. It is expected that the Legislators will occupy seats on the stage and that the general public will be admitted. It is expected that Gov. Swanson will introduce the speaker. There will be a band in attendance and the law will be used to acquaint the general public with Mr. Bryan's views on questions of public concern. Mr. Bryan will be the guest of Gov. Swanson while in Richmond. The General Assembly will pay the expenses incident to the visit.

PLAN TO BRIDGE CHESAPEAKE BAY

In the not far distant future the Eastern and Western Shores of Maryland may be connected by a great bridge over the Chesapeake Bay. This stupendous engineering project has been taken up by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore, and it is stated that leading engineers have declared the proposition practicable.

By bringing the Eastern Shore closer touch with Baltimore, advocates of the plan say, both would be benefited from a commercial standpoint and the bridge would amply repay the expenditure it would necessitate.

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